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MEMORANDUM FOR: Information Systems Board

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Special Assistant to the Executive Director

SUBJECT: ISB Field Trip Minutes - 10-11 December 1987

1. Dr. Irving Wladawsky-Berger, Vice President for Engineering and Scientific Computing within IBM's Data Systems Division, described his company's strategy for supercomputers. Copies of his presentation slides are not available as originally promised. During the discussion, Wladawsky-Berger expressed interest in pursuing other potential applications for special purpose processors in IBM mainframes, such as text processing. A follow-up meeting has been arranged at the working level. A copy of a paper written by Fred Brooks, titled "No Silver Bullets," is attached.

2. Robert Carberry, IBM Director of Engineering and Technology, described his company's plans for personal computers.

3. Walter Doherty, Consultant for Computing Systems at the IBM Watson Research Lab, discussed the implications for central services posed by large-scale interactive computing in the workplace. Additional copies of his handouts are available.

4. The Board met with Paul Glaser, Chairman of Citicorp's Corporate Technical Committee. Citicorp and the Agency are dealing with many of the same issues related to the management of information technology.

5. The Board met with Don Shine, Assistant Vice President of NYNEX.

6. Dr. Cesar Toscano of IBM's Corporate Information Systems described how IBM links its internal investment in data processing to its overall business strategy. A copy of his presentation slides is attached.

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